



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the Society of American Magicians, founded in 1902, has thousands of members in the U.S. and World wide; and
- WHEREAS,** members of the society participate in numerous community and national projects; and
- WHEREAS,** Operation Hocus Pocus of the Society has a mission of bringing entertainment to those in VA Hospitals and centers as well as military and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** Magic for Special Education is unique to the Society and brings magic lessons to cognitively challenged students; and
- WHEREAS,** the Society of Young Magicians, the youth group of the Society of American Magicians, promotes an interest in magic as a wholesome hobby that helps develop self confidence and skill, the ability to speak in public, discipline from learning, practicing and performing magic, and a sense of service to others by helping others learn magic and by performing at charitable events; and
- WHEREAS,** during the week of Harry Houdini's death, members of the Society of American Magicians donate their time and services to worthy causes and bring entertainment to those who otherwise might receive it; and
- WHEREAS,** The Society of American Magicians is dedicated to elevating the art of magic with its endowment fund providing educational and humanitarian assistance to its members; and
- WHEREAS,** Maria Ibanez, First National Vice President of the Society has respectfully requested to have Magic Week proclaimed in this State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 25 to October 31

MAGIC WEEK

in the State of Louisiana.



*Attest By
The Governor*

[Signature]
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 1st day of November
A.D., 2005*

*Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana*